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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 0981

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP MO AG MR GV
SUBJECT: OPENING OF MOROCCAN EMBASSY CONAKRY

REF: CONAKRY 0224

1. MFA SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 18 THAT GOM WOULD BE
SENDING TAYEB BEL ARBI AS ITS AMBASSADOR TO CONAKRY. HE WOULD
BE RECEIVING HIS CREDENTIALS FROM THE KING ANY DAY, AND THE
GOM HOPED TO GET HIM TO CONAKRY IN TIME TO HOLD THE GOM
NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION ON MARCH 3.

2. WE AGREE WITH OBSERVATION IN REFTEL THAT MOROCCO HAS
WORKED HARD ON SEKOU TOURE TO KEEP HIM RELATIVELY NEUTRAL ON
THE SAHARA. MARCH 1976 VISIT OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR
COOPERATION MOHAMED BENHIMA REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN GRANTING
MOROCCAN CREDITS AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

3. BEL ARBI, WHO IS PRESENTLY MINCOUNS AT THE MOROCCAN
EMBASSY IN KINSHASA, WAS BORN IN OUJDA IN 1924 WHERE HE
COMPLETED HIS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION. HE LATER
EARNED DIPLOMAS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND JOURNALISM IN
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FRANCE. IMPRISONED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR ANTI-REGIME
ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAYS OF THE FRENCH PROTECTORATE, BEL
ARBI HAS HAD A LONG-STANDING ASSOCIATION WITH THE PALACE SINCE
INDEPENDENCE. IN 1964, HE WAS NAMED CHARGE DE MISSION AND
CHIEF OF THE PRESS AND INFORMATION DIVISION OF THE TORYAL
CABINET. IN 1967, BEL ARBI WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR RADIO TELEVISION MAROCAINE (RTM) WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL

1974 WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE ROYAL CABINET. BEL ARBI IS
REPORTEDLY SOMEWHAT RESERVED. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT
FRENCH AND ARABIC AND LIMITED ENGLISH. HE IS MARRIED.
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